Municipal Council has brought to the notice of the Government the desirability of storing water in the Kokkalai fields, owing to the inability of the Council to take up the work without contribution from the Government. The work is estimated at a cost of Rs. 3,000 and the Chairman requests for a special grant o half the amount of Rs. 1,500 from the Government for carrying on the work. A loan of Rs. 2,000 provided under 'XXIIIA—General Sanitation Works, Trichur' towards Trichur Town Improvement has to be spent on certain wells which were left in an incomplete stage last year and also for sinking new wells this year. No sum could be made available for the present purpose from the above allotment. The work of storage of water for Kokkalai fields was taken up last year from the small contribution from the Government and it is reported it contributed in a large measure to mitigate the water scarcity in Trichur. Considering the necessity for the work and the success with which it was undertaken last year I request the House to kindly grant the amount.

Dr. A. G Menon.—There is no opposition for it. It may be taken as passed.

Deputy President.—It is passed.

(3) XXIII—Huzur—Office Expenses—Rs. 750.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 750 under '13—Huzur—Office Expenses'. The existing provision of Rs. 1,550 under the head has become insufficient to meet the expenses of the current year owing to purchase of two additional type-writing machines It was not possible to anticipate the expenditure when the budget was framed. A provision of Rs. 650 exists in the budget but the machines proposed to be purchased with this amount were intended for the Secretariat and the Diwan's Personal Staff Office respectively. Subsequently, however, two more machines became necesary, one for the Special Officer, Harbour and Railways, and the other for the Special Officer in connection with the compilation of the record of administration from the papers in the possession of His Highness Raja Sir Sree Rama Varma, G. C. S. I., G.C. I. E. These machines are estimated to cost over about Rs. 705. The total cost of all the four machines would come to Rs. 1,355 for which there is a provision of only Rs. 650. To make the payment the entire provision under the head will have to be utilised and the balance left is too small for the rest of the year. Hence I request the House to allow the grant.

(*There was no opposition and the demand was passed.*)

A Bill to amend the Cochin Court Fees Regulation.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—Sir, I beg to introduce a Bill to amend the Cochin Court Fees Regulation II of 1080 and

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